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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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File No. S. B. REGISTRY.

Special Branch No. *Duncan* 5402

REPORT

Date *November 29* 1934

Subject (in full) *Exhibition of Alleged Indecent Photographs of Naked White Women at 292 Woosung Road.*

Made by and Forwarded by *D.S.I. Duncan.*

With reference to the above, I have seen the pictures displayed at 292 Woosung Road and I am of the opinion that they cannot be classed objectionable from a legal point of view. The shop in question sells pictures, picture frames and camphor wood boxes, etc. The pictures in question, some 8 in number, each measuring about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", are contained in one frame and priced at 50 cents. While each picture depicts a naked white woman in different poses it cannot be said that there is any suggestion of sexual intercourse or indecency.

\* Attached are four examples obtained by Clerical Assistant J.A. Cook.

*D. S. I. Duncan*  
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

*File*  
*W.H.*

NOV 29 1934

\* File received from S.C.A. without photo-graphs being attached

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S. B. REGISTRY.  
No. D Station 5402  
Date 26 / 16 / 34

REPORT

Date

Subject (in full) Indecent Publication

Made by Cler. Asst. Cook Forwarded by W. Duncan D.S.

HB

I beg to report that a Chinese shop named Zee Fook Sing at 292 Woosung Road is publicly exhibiting for sale photographs of naked white women.

John F. Cook  
Clerical Assistant

D. C. (Special Branch)

\$5 (D.S.I. Duncan)

Please let me know if you personally consider the pictures displayed at No. 292 Woosung Road objectionable from a legal point of view.

W.D.

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File No. 5402

S. B. REGISTRY.

S. 3, Special Branch Station

REPORT

Date June 27 1934

Subject (in full) Indecent Photographs

Made by and Forwarded by Cler. Asst. Cook

I have to report that two enlarged size photographs of absolutely nude European women are being exposed to the public view in the show windows of the Chinese photograph shop, Hwa Chong Photo Supplies Co., at No. 345 Shantung Road. These two photographs are advertisements for the Rolliflex Camera, a German product.

*Clerical Assistant*

D. C. (Special Branch)

~~For Cook~~ DS Sanson (S. 5)

Please endeavour to induce removal of offending advert. If shop refuses nothing can be done unless the pictures suggest sexual intercourse

*JS*

Photographs removed on request 29. 6. 34.

*Hanson. S.*

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT

Special Branch

Date

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
C.R. & R. REGISTRY.	
No. D. 5402	34
Date April 10 1934	

Subject (in full)

Action taken regarding Photographs of Nude  
Women Exhibited Locally.

Made by

and

Forwarded by

D.S. McKeown.

Sir,

I have to report that having observed photographs of nude women exhibited in the window of the "Standard Supply Co.", 375 Nanking Road, the undersigned accompanied by C.D.S. 96 (S. 5), at 3.30 p.m. April 9, 1934, proceeded to that address and requested the manager to remove the photographs. The manager stated that he would comply with the request.

The shop was again visited at 5.30 p.m., and it was found that all the offensive photographs had been removed.

On April 9, Clerk Lee Doong Liang (S. 5) reported that indecent postcards were on sale at the Sun Sun Company. The undersigned at 4 p.m. the same day interviewed the manager of the Sun Sun Company and requested that the postcards be removed. The manager promised to comply with the request. The postcards in question were later removed from public exhibition.

D. S. McKeown

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

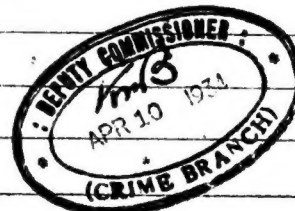
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Sir

Information

This Robertson

Subd. 10/11/34



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Special Branch S. 5 Station, 1

Date Nov. 24, 1933.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. B. REGISTRY.  
File No. 702  
No. D

Subject (in full) Action Taken By S. 5 Regarding Photographs Of  
Nude Women Exhibited Locally.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S. McKeown.

Sir,

Regarding the attached photographs, I have to report that at 3 p.m. November 20, the undersigned accompanied by Mr. Cook, Clerical Assistant, visited the Standard Supply Company, 375 Nanking Road. A copy of photograph No. 1 was in a conspicuous position in the shop window. An interview with the manager Mr. C. Chow was obtained, and he was requested to withdraw the photograph on the grounds that its public exhibition would have a derogatory effect on public morality. Mr. Chow immediately complied with the request, and promised not to exhibit photographs of a similar nature in the future.

A visit was then paid to the photographic supply shop belonging to McTavish & Co. but the photographs had already been withdrawn by the manager who of his own accord had come to the conclusion that they were unfit for public exhibition.

Although Melchers & Co. of 19 Kiukiang Road are the agents for Rolleiflex cameras, the managers of the shops concerned with the exhibition of the photographs state that they were received direct from Germany together with other advertising materials.

On November 21, an accountant named Woo of the Broadway Book Co. with premises at 32 Broadway was warned to withdraw the indecent postcards exhibited in the window and inside the shop. He agreed to do so.

A successful prosecution was instituted against the Lai Wah Co. 160-164 Nanking Road in October and since that time, no indecent postcards have been on sale at the Lai Wah, the Sun Sun or the Sincere companies.

*Refers to C. C. on December 7.*  
*JH*

DEC. 7 1933

*Oct 11*  
*Recd.*  
*I think I brought back a letter to the office some months ago but no action has been taken. Please refer to the file.*  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT

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Station, \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19

Subject (in full) \_\_\_\_\_

Made by \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarded by \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned with the assistance of Mr. Cook will continue to locate the shops exhibiting indecent pictures and warn the managements that further action will follow should they refuse to withdraw the pictures.

A list of the shops visited and information concerning the action taken will be included in the monthly report for November.

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Commr. of Police.

Sir:

Information.

DEC. 4 1930 J. S. B.

S.S. (S. McKern)

Please submit a list of the places that have been warned, and the date and nature of the warning.

J. S. B.

Recd  
5/12

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File No. B. REGISTRY.

No. D. 5402

S. 5. Special Branch

Date 11/15/33

Date November 15, 1933.

REPORT

Subject (in full) Photographs of nude women exhibited locally.

Made by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Forwarded by D.S. McKeown

Acting under instructions from the Officer i/c Special Branch, the undersigned showed the attached photographs to Mr. R. T. Bryan, the Municipal Advocate.

Mr. Bryan is of the opinion that although a prosecution is feasible, the possibility of a conviction is doubtful, and suggests that the firm supplying these photographs, and the exhibitors be requested not to use photographs in the nude for advertising purposes. Should this request be ignored, then all the persons concerned in supplying and exhibiting the photographs should be prosecuted.

D.S. McKeown  
D.S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

S.S. (D.S. McKeown).

Please act in accordance with Mr. Bryan's advice not only in regard to this shop, but also in regard to others which are exhibiting similar pictures for sale. Mr. Brock will assist you in getting a list of such shops. Please put up a note giving a list of the shops that have been warned.

J.H.

NOV. 15 1933



November 9, 1933.

Afternoon Translation.

MISCELLANEOUS

PHOTOGRAPH OF NUDE WOMAN EXHIBITED

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The other day a photograph of a model was placed in the window of a certain photo studio on Nanking Road. The figure was naked. Pedestrians surrounded the window and were unwilling to leave.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.3, Special Branch,  
REPORT

Date 1/11/33

Subject (in full) Objectionable photographic advertising

Made by C.A. Cook

Forwarded by

I have to report that since the local German firm, Melchers & Co., 19 Kiukiang Road, became the representatives of the Rolleiflex cameras, photographs of white women in the nude as an advertising medium have made their appearance in the streets of Shanghai.

I attach herewith two such photographs. No. 1 is a copy obtained by me from the Standard Photo Supply Coy., 381 Nanking Road, a Chinese concern which continues to exhibit the original in a conspicuous part of their show window and is attracting public attention. No. 2 was obtained by me from MacTavish & Company's Photographic Department, North Soochow Road.

In the opinion of a number of my German friends to whom I have shown these photographs, the models, who are Russian women, and the photographic work, are local.

Clerical Assistant

Officer i/c Special Branch.

S5 (Mr York)

Please endeavor to find out if there are any specimens of a more daring character on exhibition or sale.

W.H.

NOV 1 1933

Shanghai Daily News (上海日報), a mosquito newspaper.

#### SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN SHANGHAI

In Shanghai, there may be found all kinds of vice. Some time ago, a case was brought into court of a girl and a dog having sexual interview. This and many other kinds of vice are rife in this city.

Indecent pictures surreptitiously sold by ragged urchins on Foochow Road, indecent literature on sale at bookstalls and by news vendors, naked girls dancing in small cinemas, indecent films shown at large hotels - these are a few of the agencies employed for the destruction of public morals. To ban them all in accordance with the law is indeed a difficult task.

Girls in Shanghai at the age of twelve or thirteen are educated in the affairs of sex. They are affected by the demoralizing influences of these indecent pictures, publications, etc.

Although the authorities in Shanghai are doing their utmost to prohibit morality destroying agencies, they still exist. Therefore, public morality in Shanghai will never improve, on the contrary, it will become worse. Drastic remedies are being sought for these social diseases.